



The Lampard Community School Newsletter February 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoy reading through our latest Newsletter and getting a taste of all the exciting things that have been going on in school this term.

Excitingly, Mrs Feehan, our Outdoor Learning lead, has been very busy developing our little school farm - we now have two pigs, two goats, three rabbits, six chickens and two guinea pigs. This enables us to bring a new dimension of animal care and experiences for our students which will be a great benefit to the whole school community.

With Easter being so early this year, half term has come upon us very quickly - it doesn't seem very long since we came back after Christmas! Time really does fly when you're having fun.

May I wish you all a happy and safe half term break, and look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday 19th February.

Mrs Harvey

Head Teacher



LOWER SCHOOL

Deer

In DT we have been using the sewing machines to make our Egyptian tunics. We have had a go at using the sewing machine to complete a driving test. We had to keep our hands away from the needle and put our foot on the pedal slowly. We are looking forward to finishing our tunics.



Otters

The students in Otters have been very busy this half term. In English we have been enjoying the texts 'We Are All Welcome Here' and 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of the Dark'. In Maths we have been busy collecting data, tallying and sharing our findings by taking part in the Big Schools Bird Watch. We made an assembly to share with the whole school! Swimming was a great success and all students were very brave; by the end of the first session they were floating around the hydro pool with woggles, balls and floats.



Taw

We can't believe this half term has gone so quickly and Taw Class have been very busy!! The children have been enjoying their swimming lessons in South Molton and it is great to see them learning to be safe in the water whilst having fun!! During our Future Friday lessons the children have had a variety of wonderful opportunities including scootering, taking part in a science experiment and very soon we are getting a visit from the Dog's Trust to tell us about the work they do. Have a wonderful half term and we look forward to welcoming the children back.



Exe

Exe class have had a brilliant half term, spending lots of time outside. For Maths, we took part in the RSPB Big Bird watch, the students loved spotting the birds with binoculars and listening for their bird song. We have had so much fun in Forest School, visiting the new animals, and playing and exploring. We had a fantastic trip to Yeo Valley Community Woodland, taking part in their community project, and as a class we planted 22 trees! It was a long steep walk up the hill, but it was worth it to see the view across Barnstaple. We spotted Green Lanes shopping centre, lots of houses and the hospital. In class we have been enjoying learning about Egyptians and the importance of the Nile River. In English we have been learning about Dragons and the students have been imagining all sorts of Dragons that could be living in the classroom!





Tavy

Tavy has had a really good start to the term. On Thursday the 18th January we went tree planting and all the students were able to plant a tree which was amazing. We have started swimming this term and all of our class have been taking part, practicing our water confidence and lifting our feet from the pool floor. We have visited the new animals at the school and have been lucky enough to hold some of them. We have made some nice nature art this week in the Forest School area.



Mole

Mole class have had a successful half term with the start of our swimming lessons at SMART swim centre. All the children have been joining in with swimming and enjoying the sessions immensely!

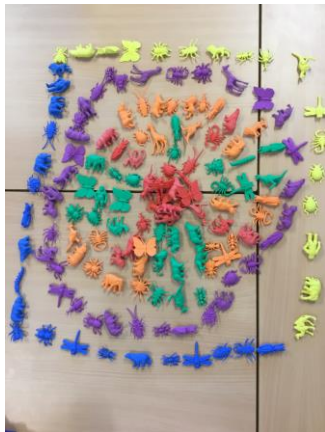
We have been lucky enough to enjoy tasting different foods in preparation for the school menu on Future Fridays and have been having fun with some science experiments too!

Our topic this term is 'Ancient Egypt', we have been learning all about the Egyptians and have even been designing tunics ready to cut and sew this week. We have also been learning how to write our names in Hieroglyphics!



Umber

Umber class have been learning new skills this half term. They have all passed their sewing machine driving licence and are ready to start sewing together their Design Technology project, which is an Egyptian Tunic. We have all learned about Mandala patterns in a live, online, Lyfta lesson that was attended by schools across the whole country. We used what we could find in the classroom to create some of our own. During Personal Programme we all spent some time looking at the washing labels on our clothes. Ask your children about them and perhaps they will remember what some of them mean. The students have all really enjoyed learning about the Egyptians. They have discovered facts about Egyptian Gods – Ra is the God of the Sun, Isis is the Goddess of healing and magic. They have also practiced writing using hieroglyphics. There is an important message in these drawings. Can you solve it?







Barle

Barle Class have been doing lots of outdoor learning. We have laid new woodchip paths and spent time with the animals. I love spending time at our farm. In maths we have been part of the Big Bird watch and adding our data to help the RSPB. We have also been learning about division. Then in topic and English we have been studying the Romans and learning about their extreme myths. As part of our community inclusion, we have been tree planting ,twice, which was hard work but fun!

Contribution by Faith



Waldon

Some recent highlights in Waldron class have been creating Roman inspired art out of clay and trying out photography using light boxes in a Future Friday session. We also took part in Plastic Free North Devon's day of action by litter picking outside of school and the surrounding paths.



Lyn

This term is a fun one. With all the things we are learning and all the thing we are making, it will take us one step further into our education experience.

This term we have been learning about The Romans. In one particular lesson we were carefully digging up old pottery and coins from 625 BC. All of us had a great time learning about everything we dug up. We were educated about its history and purpose.

We learnt about Hercules, the poor peoples limited food supply and what the Romans invented that is now a common practise in our daily life.

Contribution by Evin



Torridge

This half term Torridge have spent lots of time outdoors. We have been learning about the Big Bird Watch in Maths, observing, collecting and recording our data. We have also taken part in lots of tree planting! We helped to plant a new woodland at Yeo Valley Woodland and we have been a part of the National Trusts rewilding project, where they have reclaimed unused farmland to plant hundreds of trees. This will be open to the public soon and you will be able to visit! In English, Torridge have been looking at Hercules as part of our Myths topic. We have learnt the story by acting it out and creating a story map with both words and actions to help us remember it.





Venn

This half term, Venn have enjoyed working in the community to plant trees with the local council and National Trust. The weather has been a challenge but at Arlington we finally had some sun to help thaw the ground! In class we are learning about the Romans and what they have done for us. The Big Bird Watch helped us develop our knowledge of data and how to present and answer questions about it with more confidence. In PE we are working with each other to help lead our own activities and being very creative in Art, making our own mosaics. A big congratulations to Alex for his recent trampolining achievements, winning 1st place!



UPPER SCHOOL

Upper School News

Our Upper School students have continued to work hard this term and have been producing a range of lovely work in their options lessons. Our Animal Care group have been up to Futures Farm and enjoyed seeing the new arrivals that Spring brings.

Upper School students have all met the new EHCP transitions mentor from Petroc, Vicky Baker, and we are busy planning our Petroc taster sessions for Year 11 which will take place after half term.

Caen

This term, Caen had an amazing trip to the Yeo Valley. Students had the opportunity to plant Douglas Fir trees with Richard. It was so cold, but it was very interesting to learn that the trees that we were planting could well be alive in 500 years time! Thank you, Richard and thank you to Mrs Feehan for organising the trip. Also, the students really loved having a visit from Daisy, Mrs Pert's miniature Dachshund, she is fond of the students in Caen and we made her feel very welcome



Dart

Dart have been busy helping with the farm area. We went to Pets At Home and bought four Guinea Pigs and a Rabbit, that were in the adoption centre. We have also been collecting eggs daily. In

English we have been working on writing adverts and in Maths we have been working on multiplication.



Heddon

This term, Heddon had the opportunity to go tree planting. It was very blustery but it was absolutely worth the walk up the hill to see the amazing views of Barnstaple! Heddon students really enjoyed learning about the different trees they were planting and how to make sure the trees survived heavy rain and freezing temperatures. Great job Heddon! 🌲 🌲



Bray

Bray class returned following the Christmas break refreshed and ready for the term ahead. The year 11's have completed college applications and are starting to have their interviews in the coming weeks and the year 10's are settling into the routine of options and starting new units of learning.

As a class we went tree planting and were very fortunate to have a dry day – it was also much warmer than the freezing temperatures of the previous week thankfully.

In Maths this term our weekly time/money lesson is on Time; telling the time, durations and reading timetables and in English we are focussing on persuasive language used in leaflets and brochures and completing application forms.





Yeo

Students in Yeo Class have had a very busy term! They have been working extremely hard in their Functional Skills lessons and have enjoyed WOW visits during Work Related Learning. Students also enjoyed taking part in the tree planting project.



NEWS & NOTIFICATIONS



Lambing Experience



This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time on our farm with our ewes and new born lambs. You may even be there whilst a lamb or two is born! No experience is necessary.



Sessions are up to two hours and include a meal and drink. Starting from 7th February, sessions are between 5am and 6pm every day.



16 years of age or older: £30pp
Under 16 years of age: £15 per child.
Must be accompanied by an adult.
The accompanying adult can attend for free, however meals and drinks are chargeable.



For further information and to book please see the Events section of our website www.made-well.co.uk
Check out our Lamb Cam!

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